

# Media Release

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### ***2 lbs. of Meth seized following K9 Alert/Stolen handgun also recovered– 3 Suspects in-custody***

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On May 16, 2016, at approximately 4:45 PM, 3 men were arrested for charges including Possession/Transportation of a Dangerous Drug for Sale, Possession of Dangerous Drugs, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Firearm during a Drug Offense, and Possession of a Stolen Firearm.

The suspects are identified as 22-year-old Logan Young from Kentucky, 38-year-old Joseph Cruzan from Tennessee, and 21-year-old David Champion from Kentucky. All 3 remain in-custody. Bonds amounts have not been set as of this afternoon.

BACKGROUND – A YCSO K9 deputy stopped a black Hyundai Sedan east on I40 near Ashfork for several moving violations. Champion was driving the car with two passengers, Cruzan and Young. While conversing with the occupants, the deputy noticed several signs of deception and the occupants of the vehicle appeared more nervous than the innocent motoring public. Additionally, the 3 men were unable to answer basic questions that a group of passengers sharing a destination would commonly know. The deputy's suspicions were raised even further when he detected the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle interior. The K9 deputy requested consent to search and was denied.

The K9 deputy deployed his partner, K9 Miley, for an exterior sniff of the vehicle. Miley displayed obvious alert signals when near the trunk of the sedan. When the trunk was searched, deputies found 2 rifles and noticed the spare tire had been tampered with. When a portion of the tire was cut open, a 2 pound package of methamphetamine was found. Inside the passenger compartment, deputies located a handgun in the front center console area and a record check of the serial number indicated it was stolen. \$1200 was also seized.

All 3 suspects denied involvement and the investigation is ongoing regarding the source and destination of the drugs.



K-9 Miley and the 'prize'

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